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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Our Deposit Account Statement dated June 2006 was charged a \$200.00 fee (under Code 1201) for an additional independent claim in excess of three. A refund of that excess claim fee is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

This application was filed as a U.S. national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 with a total of 19 claims, including a total of four independent claims. The application was filed with a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$1140.00 for the filing fee (\$900.00), an excess claim fee (\$200.00) and an Assignment recordation fee (\$40.00). Thus, as the excess claim fee of \$200.00 for one extra independent claim was submitted with the application, the \$200.00 fee charged to our Deposit Account was in error.

The Patent Office is thus respectfully requested to refund the excess independent claim fee of \$200.00 and credit such refund to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

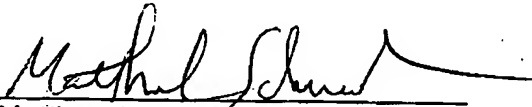
Should any questions arise concerning this matter, the undersigned respectfully request that he be contact at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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